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Introduction

No figure in Catholic Christianity is surrounded by more mystery and confusion than that most obscure of saints, Saint Cyprian. Though he was one of the little known saints, Saint Cyprian was considered the unofficial patron of pagans, magicians, and necromancers for many centuries. Eventually, however, he was removed from the official calendar of Catholic feasts. Despite this apparent demotion, Saint Cyprian continues to attract a strong following and to captivate the mind of those who see him as a point of synthesis between the religion of the church and the forbidden arts.

Contrary to his unique position as both saint and sorcerer, there is little written about him and what little is written is often in languages other than English and even then rarely contains instructions on how to establish a proper relationship with him and to call upon him.

This text attempts to address this lack of knowledge as within these pages is information gathered directly from communion with Saint Cyprian himself, as well as knowledge passed down from other devotees of the saint of necromancers. This endeavor was birthed from a vow made to Saint Cyprian in return for all the blessings and guidance he has brought into my life and contains translations of orisons, prayers, and incantations from Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese. These translations are my own and what follows is knowledge rarely seen in the English language.

The History, The Legend

Often mistaken for Saint Cyprian of Carthage, Cyprian of Antioch was a powerful pagan sorcerer living in the heart of the Hellenistic world during the late third century. He was renowned for his prowess in the making of potions and for his mastery over the denizens of the infernal realms. He had a reputation of being not only a versed sorcerer, but one that would hire his skills out to those with the coin to afford it.

As the story goes, he was hired by a client to win the affections of a young Christian virgin named Justina. Now some say that he employed his arts to win Justina on behalf of a client while other legends claim he did so on behalf of himself as his heart lusted after the beautiful virgin. In either case, he was reputed to have conjured his demons and sent them after Justina. When the demons came howling with talons outstretched, Justina rebuked and banished them by merely signing the cross. Amazed at how easily his powers were frustrated and touched by the strength of her faith, the sorcerer renounced his ways and became a devout Christian, eventually becoming the Bishop of Antioch where he rose to fame for his miraculous gifts of spirit.

During the persecution of Emperor Diocletian, Justina and Bishop Cyprian were both seized and tortured —in a boiling cauldron according to some—and then eventually beheaded. Due to their unshakable faith, their miraculous lives, and the condition of martyrdom both were elevated to sainthood.

Despite the overt religious overtones of the history and legend of Saint Cyprian, as a figure he went on to captivate the minds of many as various legends regarding him sprung up across Europe and eventually in the New World.

The most prominent legend regarding Saint Cyprian indicated that though his conversion was authentic, he did not give up his sorcerous ways and continued to practice as a necromancer from within the church; using his craft on behalf of his flock. It is even reputed that due to his intimate knowledge of spirits he was the author of several exorcism prayers recorded in the Priest’s Prayer Book.

In all the legends, Saint Cyprian remains a unique link between the practices of the Church and the practices of the occult. More importantly, Saint Cyprian demonstrates that paradoxical element of folk-Christianity that embraces the magical arts.

His legends took on a life of their own as books began to spring up that were attributed to him. In the northern countries sprung up the Cyprianus, a text of Scandinavian folk magic that became integral to the trolldom and Norse magical practices. In Spain and Portugal, The Book of Saint Cyprian became a staple text in the library of the witch and sorcerer. Interestingly the texts attributed to Saint Cyprian varied greatly in their content; some were books of folk magic, some prayers and instructions for priests on how to deal with demons and spirits, and others contained black rites of a gruesome nature. Regardless of the content, or perhaps because they furthered his legend, the various books attributed to Saint Cyprian became highly popular. It was through the popular books of Spain and Portugal that Saint Cyprian made the voyage across the Atlantic and found his home in the New World.

In Central and South America, Saint Cyprian fully blossomed as the saint of sorcerers and spiritual practitioners, and as such features prominently in works revolving around the breaking of curses, the controlling of spirits, and acts of esoteric mastery.

In Central America, the Book of Saint Cyprian became a highly sought after grimoire with botanicas carrying a variety of editions attributed to him, each filled with sorcerous secrets that are employed in magica negra. He is often petitioned by curanderos and curanderas attempting to break the curses of brujas, or called upon to tame wayward spirits. He also features prominently in the cult of Santisma Muerte where he is reputed to be one of the few saints with the power to temper her influence through the use of an amparo.

In South America his presence in the spiritualist practices of Brazil and Venezuela is rather large for he plays a role in Candomble, Umbanda, and other magico-religious traditions. He also has a unique connection to the mysterious cult of Kimbanda where he is associated with the powerful Exu Meia Noite who is considered by many to have been Saint Cyprian's guide.

For quite some time what Solomon was for the Middle Eastern mage, Saint Cyprian was for the European sorcerer: a legendary figure of power and magical might who was to be emulated. While his popularity has waned in the rest of Europe, his influence continues in the magical practices of Spain, Portugal, and the Latin American countries. It is to these countries that we turn to learn how to commune with Saint Cyprian.

Symbols Associated with Saint Cyprian

There are a variety of symbols and objects that are often associated with Saint Cyprian that have developed alongside his legend.

The color purple is associated with this saint though red, white, and black can be found in some regional variations. It is more common however to see purple or white candles dedicated to him, or altar cloths of the same hue.

It is also common to find crucifixes and rosaries on his altar and in some cases a small iron-cast cauldron. The cauldron is more commonly found among workers from South America where his image is depicted standing in front of a small cauldron of flames, perhaps alluding to his torture at the hands of Diocletian's men. In these traditions offerings and prayers are often left in the cauldron and placed before his image.

Along with these traditional elements of devotion, many have found that Saint Cyprian is comfortable with

the trappings of the occult. Surrounding him with books of magic, grimories, wands, and crystal balls all resonate with this saint who is very much at home in the esoteric and magical.

Many saints are associated with specific days and numbers. Saint Cyprian is no exception. The number nine is strongly connected with this saint, with his followers often leaving nine offerings or ex votos when he grants their petitions. His day of the week is Saturday and his feast day is September 26th, which was the day he was martyred.

Using a combination of symbols that strongly resonate with Saint Cyprian, one can begin to erect a shrine or altar which can then act as a means by which to develop a strong rapport and connection with him.

Starting To Work with Saint Cyprian

Working with Saint Cyprian revolves around the dedicating of a shrine or altar to him. While he is willing to intervene on a case-by-case basis, many of his followers believe that giving him a dedicated space is the best means by which to contact this sometimes aloof saint. His altars vary from region to region, but his devotees almost always have a dedicated space for him.

Setting up a shrine to Saint Cyprian generally consists of an image or statue of the saint, candles, a cup of water, and surrounding him with his colors.

With intent, dedicate a surface to Saint Cyprian, drape it with an altar cloth, set up his image and before this image place a cup filled with cool water. Decorate the altar with trappings of the occult to personalize it while also making it resonate with his spirit. You may leave your grimoires, crystal balls, and magical accoutrements near his image as well.

Once you've set up the space, you may dedicate it to him and call his presence into your life in the following manner:

Materials needed:

- Purple Candle
- Charcoal and Brazier
- Frankincense
- Cup of water

On a Saturday kneel before his shrine or altar and knock on the surface nine times calling his name after each knock. Light the purple candle and set it in front of his image and to the right.

Set the cup of water to the front and to the left of his image. Together they should form a triangle if looked at from above.

In the center of this triangle and right before his image set your charcoal and brazier. Light the charcoal disk from the flame of the candle, set it back in the brazier, and sprinkle your Frankincense onto the glowing charcoal.

As the smoke of the incense rises, pray sincerely to Saint Cyprian. Ask that he accept your offerings and that he may be pleased with them. Ask him to bless your altar and ask that he become a presence in your life.

Using a fan or the back of your hand fumigate your altar, letting the smoke snake and dance its way around the altar.

This simple rite dedicates the altar to Saint Cyprian. From then on you must tend to the altar. Place a new cup of water on there every Saturday, pouring the old cup out on your lawn, or in a plant. Leave offerings and candles when they are called for, and spend time in meditation and prayer with him. The tending of the altar develops a relationship between you and the saint and so it should be done with focus, dedication, and love.

Offerings to Saint Cyprian can be given on special occasions like his feast day, as an ex voto or payment in return for favors granted, or to honor the saint and thank him for his presence. Incense, wine, cups of water, and candles are the most common forms of offerings given to Saint Cyprian. Incense can be resins like Frankincense and Myrrh which are used in offerings in Portugal and Spain, or Copal which is commonly used in Central America. Some also like to include Acacia in the incense mixtures. Due to his connection to the number nine some people leave offerings in nines.

While there are standard offerings and ex votos to give various saints that have developed along with their legends, the best approach is one led by the spirit itself—communing with Saint Cyprian involves not only asking for what you want, but asking him what he wants from you. While many will find that he'll approve of traditional offerings, there are times when the saint may call for something else like a milagro charm, a call for a pilgrimage to a shrine, or other specific offerings.

By faithfully giving offerings to the saint in return for his intervention and attentively tending his altar and spending time in prayer with him, one develops a strong relationship where this powerful sorcerer-turned-saint becomes not only a great ally, but a guide and teacher as well.

Working with saints in magical practice is a unique feature of the folk-practices of various cultures and working with Saint Cyprian in such a fashion is no exception. In addition to a variety of recorded spells that are attributed to Saint Cyprian there are a variety of specific magical works that are powered directly by the saint.

Magical Spells of Saint Cyprian

The spells associated with Saint Cyprian are two in nature. The first are a series of spells, incantations, and rites associated with Saint Cyprian as passed down by the various books attributed to him. These works vary in nature, but generally do not directly involve working with Saint Cyprian. Instead the connection to him is found through the idea that they were recorded and passed down by Saint Cyprian or his students.

These works are extremely popular with many practitioners incorporating them into their practice, or using them as starting points for works of their own.

The second type of magical work associated with Saint Cyprian involves petitioning him directly. These are especially common in hoodoo and rootwork with a Catholic influence and the folk traditions of curanderismo. Spells of this nature revolve around petitioning the saint with set orisons, incantations, and simple rites. More often than not they ask for the intervention of the saint in return for a vow of offerings. Such works span a variety of different conditions and there are spells for love, revenge, protection, dealing with spirits, revealing liars and cheats, and for spiritual mastery.

These rituals are often passed down from practitioner to practitioner and have regional variations. Unlike the spells attributed to Saint Cyprian himself, few of these instructions and recipes have ever been written down, but through this text are now being made available.

The first set of instructions are recipes for Saint Cyprian oil made with herbal components that resonate well with the saint and can be used in a variety of works with him.

Saint Cyprian Oil # 1

This recipe was developed from a traditional formula and under the guidance of Saint Cyprian himself.

Materials needed:

- Frankincense
- Copal
- Myrrh
- Master Root
- Acacia
- Olive Oil

Crush and macerate the Frankincense, Copal, Myrrh, and Master Root in some olive oil. Place this in a glass container and pour in more oil, enough to cover the crushed mixture. Let this sit for two weeks on the altar of Saint Cyprian.

In a new container place a few pieces of Acacia, Copal, Frankincense, Master Root, and Myrrh. Strain the oil from the first container into the new one with the whole herbs and resins. The result should be rich-colored oil with a fragrant scent with a few pieces of resin, root, and herb.

Place the oil mixture on the altar of Saint Cyprian, light a purple candle and ask that Saint Cyprian bless and consecrate the oil. Leave the oil to sit for another week.

This oil can be used for any work that calls for the intervention of Saint Cyprian, but is especially good for works involving development of magical and psychic gifts.

Saint Cyprian Oil # 2

This is another recipe for Saint Cyprian Oil which follows a formula found in botanicas.

Materials needed:

- Queen Elizabeth's Root
- Galangal Root (also known as Little John to Chew)
- Cinnamon
- Ginger
- Cinnamon Essential Oil
- Ginger Essential Oil
- Olive Oil

Place a whole Queen Elizabeth Root, and Galangal Root in a jar with dried Ginger and Cinnamon. Pour olive oil over the mixture and slowly add in five drops of Cinnamon essential oil and three drops of Ginger essential oil. The number of essential oil drops can be adjusted according to how you wish the oil to smell.

Close the top of the jar and shake it up while calling upon Saint Cyprian to bless the mixture and fill it with his power. Place upon his altar for 21 days.

This recipe is often used by people in the curanderismo tradition and has a reputation of being used in love and protection works.

Saint Cyprian Oil # 3

This last recipe is extremely rare and was picked up from a spiritual worker and devotee of Saint Cyprian from Portugal.

Materials needed:

- Frankincense
- Myrrh
- Rue (some people also include Syrian Rue, also known as Espand)
- Cinnamon
- Calamus
- 1 Bay leaf
- Anise
- Essential Oil of Cedar

- Essential Oil of Myrrh
- Olive oil

In a jar crush and macerate the Frankincense and Myrrh in olive oil. Cover it with more oil, close the top and place it on Saint Cyprian's altar. Leave this for 9 days.

Take your whole Bay leaf and on it, write "in principio erat verbum et verbum erat apud deum et deus erat verbum." Place this in another jar along with a pinch of Calamus, Cinnamon chips, Anise, Frankincense, Myrrh, and Rue.

Take the oil mixture from the first jar and pour the strained oil into the new jar. You may discard the macerated resins. Carefully add in three drops of Cedar Essential Oil and nine drops of Myrrh Essential Oil.

Close this new jar and let it sit for another 9 days on Saint Cyprian's altar.

This oil is an all-purpose oil that can be used for anything, but is especially good at developing magical power and for breaking curses.

Calling on Saint Cyprian for Protection from Black Magic

This spell can be used to remove curses while also providing protection from further magical attacks.

Materials needed:

- Purple vigil candle, or 7 day candle.
- Photo of yourself
- Bay Leaf
- White Mustard seeds
- Ginger
- Saint Cyprian Oil # 2

Poke 3-4 holes in the wax of the vigil candle using a skewer or screw driver and put your herbs in the holes. Cut up the Bay leaf so it is small and use a small piece of Ginger; too large of herbs can interfere with the burn of the candle. Dribble a few drops of your oil into the candle and let it soak into the wax. Set this aside while you prepare your photo.

On the back of your photo write the following orison:

"Saint Cyprian, grant me your protection and liberate me from all danger. I ask you to unbind all curses, hexes, and bewitchments. Rescue me from the rabid wolf and guard me from all evil. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. I ask that you bless this water which I place before you. Empower it that it may provide peace and protection. Amen."

Take the photo, lightly dab a bit of Saint Cyprian oil in the four corners and center of the photo and place it under the cup of water on Saint Cyprian's altar with the face up.

Take up your candle once more and kneel before the altar, praying from the heart to be protected from evil spirits, magic, and curses. Light the candle and place it next to the glass of water.

The next morning take three sips from the cup of water then pour it all out on your lawn, refilling the glass of water.

Let the candle burn straight through while you spend some time each day praying before Saint Cyprian's altar. Once the candle has burned out you may dispose or recycle as you see fit, but keep the photo as a talisman.

Calling Upon Saint Cyprian to Capture a Lover

This spell is said to be derived and inspired from an 11th century spell attributed to Saint Cyprian and closely tied to the legend of his attempted capture of Justina. Therefore this spell has a reputation of being efficacious for men seeking women, but over the years men and women both have used it.

Materials needed:

- Photo of target
- Fish hook
- Saint Cyprian Oil #2
- Anise
- Damiana
- Rose Petals
- Purple vigil candle or 7 day candle
- Charcoal and brazier to burn it in.

Poke 3-4 holes in the wax of the candle with a skewer and sprinkle the herbs into the holes. Dribble a bit of oil into the candle and let it soak into the wax. Set it aside as you work on the photo.

On the back of the photo write the following incantation:

"Blazing Spirit of Lust rise up and seize the senses and mind of NN;

Fill them with a river of fire that burns with desire for me,

Let them have no rest or respite from their yearning,

Fascinate them; fill their heart, mind, and body with

Love for me and me alone. Amen"

Now take the fish hook and as you are reciting the prayer you've just written out loud, poke the fish hook through the eyes of the photo.

Light your charcoal in the brazier and sprinkle a mixture of the herbs used on the candle onto the burning charcoal. Pass the photo through the rising smoke as you continue to recite the prayer nine more times.

Then fill a glass with fresh water and place the photo upside down in the glass of water and place the glass before Saint Cyprian.

Next to the glass of water light your candle and pray from the heart to Saint Cyprian that the person you desire comes to you.

Finally spend a few minutes staring through the glass of water at the photo while calling out the name of

the person you desire.

Leave the water until the candle burns down, spending every day reciting the prayer nine times while calling out the name of the person. When the spell is done, place the photo under your bed.

Spell to Draw a Friendly Spirit Of the Dead, or To Contact a Specific Spirit.

The following spell is particularly good at bringing a beneficial and friendly spirit, or if one has a specific spirit in mind of a gentle and kind temperament this spell can be used.

Materials needed:

- Althaea leaves
- Acacia
- Frankincense
- Myrrh
- White candle
- Saint Cyprian Oil #1
- Charcoal and brazier to burn it in.

Set up Saint Cyprian's altar as usual with his cup of water, image and such. Take your candle and dress it with Saint Cyprian Oil #1. Offer this candle to Saint Cyprian and ask for his aid in drawing to you a spirit guide, or if you have one in mind ask that he assist in contacting that spirit. Ask him to draw the spirit and introduce it to you.

Light the candle and from its flame light your charcoal. Sprinkle your herb and resin mixture on the burning charcoal and offer it to the spirit in question. If you have a specific spirit in mind call it by name as you give the offering, if not simply address it as "Mighty Spirit."

Make sure that you ask specifically for a friendly spirit who is willing to assist and guide you in your endeavors.

This rite can be used contact friendly spirits of the dead and should be repeated until contact is made.

Spell to Expose a Cheater, a Liar, or a Womanizer

This rite can be used to expose anyone who is false in their dealings. It has been used by many to catch two-faced people red-handed. Saint Cyprian has a reputation of moving swiftly so if one is faced with a liar this work can be used to quickly turn things around by exposing them for who they are, however it is often done in the most unexpected and dramatic of ways.

Materials needed:

- Free-standing red candle (pillar or taper works fine)

- Saint Cyprian Oil #3
- Black string
- Salt
- Photo of liar/cheat
- Pin
- Heat-proof dish.

Using your pin carve the name of the liar on the red candle from wick to base by spiraling down like a barber's pole. From bottom to top carve "lies exposed" also done in a spiraling fashion. The end result should be two entwining spirals. Dress the candle with Saint Cyprian Oil #3 and place it on the heat-proof dish.

On the back of the photo of your target write, "Blessed Saint Cyprian, I beseech your help; bind up NN as the rabid wolf that he/she is. Expose them for the liar and cheat that they are. Bind up and tie all evil speech, thoughts, and actions and may virtue and honesty prevail. Amen."

Then take your black string and tie up the photo. Wrap the photo in the string in a fashion that will form a cross with the strings going up and down as well as across. Place this under the cup of water before Saint Cyprian, but make sure to place it face down.

Light the red candle while saying, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, deliver us from evil, Saint Cyprian."

Around the candle and on the dish sprinkle a ring of Salt while saying, "As this Salt is pure may none who is false pass. I call upon the Spirit of Salt to expose those who are false for what they are."

Let the candle burn down then dispose of the candle remains, Salt, and photo at a river. Toss out the water from the cup into the river as well. Alternatively if you have access to the person you wish to expose you may lay out the Salt where they will walk over it.

Saint Cyprian's Charm Bag for Protection

This charm bag is an excellent amulet or talisman of protection against evil spirits, curses, and accidents while traveling.

Materials needed:

- White or red cloth drawstring bag made preferably of flannel
- White Mustard Seeds
- Basil
- Rue
- Garlic
- Mint
- Saint Cyprian Oil #2
- Needle and thread
- Small Saint Cyprian medallion
- Photo of person you are making bag for.

On the back of the photo write the entirety of Psalm 91. Fold this photo towards you three times, turning clockwise with each turn. Place the photo in the bag. Put in each of your herbs one by one while praying that Saint Cyprian grant you protection.

Once all the herbs are in the bag, hold the opening of the bag close to your mouth and pray Psalm 91 while letting your breath fill the bag. Close the bag by drawing the strings and tie three knots. Take your medallion and sew it on the outside of the bag towards the center.

Dab some Saint Cyprian Oil #2 on your first two fingers and lightly dress the medallion. Place the bag on Saint Cyprian's altar and recite the following prayer:

"Saint Cyprian, I beseech you to protect me from the wicked conspiracies of my rabid enemies,

I beseech you to guard me from the evil intents, hexes, and curses of the wolves,

I call upon you, Saint Cyprian, to guard me waking and sleeping from all evil be it spirit or man,

Saint Cyprian become my guard, my eyes, my ears,

and my protector.

Saint Cyprian unbind me from hexes and bewitchment

I ask that you consecrate this talisman with thy power that I may hold thy protection close. Amen."

Finally recite the Lord's Prayer 9 times, after each one signing the cross over the bag, and leave it on Saint Cyprian's altar overnight. Afterwards carry the bag regularly on you as a protective amulet and feed it once a week, preferably on a Saturday to keep its power strong. Let no one touch the bag other than you.

Spell to Exorcise an Evil Spirit or Break a Curse

This spell can be used to exorcise an evil spirit from a person or break a curse. If done for someone else, you'd have to have access to the person in order to perform the work. It may also be used to purify a house.

Materials needed:

- Charcoal and brazier to burn it in
- Frankincense
- Rue
- Bay Leaf
- Small Saint Cyprian prayer card
- Saint Cyprian Oil #3
- Cup of water from Saint Cyprian's Altar

Light your charcoal and place it in the brazier. Sprinkle a pinch of Frankincense, Rue, and crumble the Bay Leaf all onto the burning charcoal. As the smoke rises waft it onto the person who needs to be exorcised, or cleansed. If you are performing this on a house go from room to room.

As you are doing this recite the following orison:

"Oh creature of God, Holy Saint Cyprian, bind whatever evil spirit has been loosed,

Preserve us from the conspiracies of the devil and his minions.

Beloved Saint Cyprian shield us in your cloak that we may be

sheltered in your mercy.

Saint Cyprian, whom I love with all my heart, bind all evil and liberate us from darkness. Amen”

Once you’ve recited this prayer, take up your cup of water that is regularly left on Saint Cyprian’s altar and dip your index and middle finger, wetting it.

Recite the following prayer drawing a cross after each line on the person you are exorcising, or on each door of the house. Make sure to dip your finger in the water and then draw the cross each time.

Saint Cyprian of Antioch I beseech you that those bound by evil spirits and wicked sorceries be unbound X

I beseech you to shatter all bewitchments and oppressions X

Save us from the dominion of the wild beasts X

Saint Cyprian preserve us from all evil sorceries, spirits,

and malicious arts X

Guard us in thought, action, and feeling X

Throw into confusion the wicked ones who seek our lives X

Confound them with your power X

Holy Saint Cyprian I beseech you to be our guard and savior X

By your power may we triumph ever more. Amen X

At the end of the orison you should have anointed with the water from the cup a total of nine times.

Finally dab Saint Cyprian Oil #3 on your finger and anoint the person on their forehead by making the sign of the cross to seal the protection. Dab a little oil onto the prayer card of Saint Cyprian which should be kept in the home or on the person who was just cleansed as a protective talisman.

Saint Cyprian’s Cauldron of Dreams

This rite involves the consecration of an object that can be used with Saint Cyprian work. It involves creating a cauldron that can be used to send prayers, to burn offerings, and as a tool for increasing magical power.

Materials needed:

- Small iron-cast cauldron
- Saint Cyprian Oil #1
- Frankincense
- Myrrh
- Acacia
- Charcoal and brazier to burn it in

- Black cloth

Take your cauldron and gently wash it in the water from the offering cup on Saint Cyprian's altar. It doesn't need to be soaked, just rubbing it with a bit of the water will do. Light your charcoal and set in the brazier. Sprinkle Frankincense, Myrrh, and Acacia on the charcoal and offer the incense to Saint Cyprian.

Pass the cauldron slowly through the smoke of the incense and pray to Saint Cyprian asking him to bless and consecrate the cauldron in his holy name. Pass the cauldron in the smoke nine times. Dab a bit of Saint Cyprian Oil #1 on your fingers and dress the cauldron lightly in the oil, especially the insides.

Take the cauldron and wrap it in the black cloth and knot it three times. Place the package upon Saint Cyprian's altar and once a day sprinkle some water from the offering cup of Saint Cyprian and dribble a little oil on it. Do this while asking that Saint Cyprian fill the cauldron with his power. On the ninth day remove the black cloth and the cauldron is ready for use.

You can leave offerings in this cauldron for Saint Cyprian, or if you have a particular wish or prayer you can write it on a piece of paper and burn it in the cauldron. This cauldron contains the potency of Saint Cyprian and so can send your prayers to the right spirits to help them be granted. You may fill it with water and use it for divination and scrying and it can be used to control spirits. If there is a particular spirit you wish to bring under your control you may place their seal into the pot and ask Saint Cyprian to grant domination over that spirit. The uses for this cauldron are varied and you are limited only by your imagination.

Amparo with Saint Cyprian

An amparo is a pact and technique used commonly in the Latin American practices of curanderismo though it has been adopted into hoodoo and rootwork as well. They take on the form of a protective talisman usually used to shield the petitioner in the power of specific saints. Saint Michael and Saint Cyprian are the two most common saints to work with in the creation of amparos. An amapro is also used before one works with dangerous spirits. Just as the western ceremonial mage draw a circle of protection, the curandero and rootworker may make an amparo.

In this role, they feature prominently in the cult of Santisma Muerte, or Holy Death. Devotees of Santisma Muerte will often make an amparo with Saint Cyprian or Saint Michael before they work with her as the amparo will offer protection and temper her sometimes overwhelming presence.

In addition to being used before one deals with volatile spirits, amparos can be made to protect one from harm and black magic.

Materials needed:

- 2 Saint Cyprian prayer cards
- Photo of person you are making amparo for (should be same size as prayer cards)
- White candle
- Red string
- Saint Cyprian Oil # 2 or 3

Take the photo and dab the four corners and center with the oil. Place this photo in the middle of the two Saint Cyprian prayer cards. Make sure that the image of Saint Cyprian is facing outward so he is guarding your front and back. Take the red string and bind the package together making sure the string makes a cross with the strings going up and down as well as side to side.

Place this packet under the white candle which you've dressed with oil. Light your candle and let it burn down while you pray from the heart for protection. Carry the amparo with you.

The amparo is one of the most powerful protective talismans used in folk magic. Some include protective herbs in their making by putting the herbs between the prayers cards with the photo. Some also include a trace of the person they are making the amparo for. This can include hair or other personal connections.

Offerings to Saint Cyprian

Each of the works presented in this text revolve around the intervention and aid of Saint Cyprian. While many of the spells include traditional incantations, orisons, and prayers, it is equally important to spend some time during the rite vocalizing your desires directly from your heart. During these impromptu prayers it is essential that you make a vow to Saint Cyprian. Offer him something in return for his aid. Examples of what to offer have been provided in the section discussing the symbolism and tools of working with Saint Cyprian.

After the blessed saint and necromancer has come through and granted the petition, it is important to give him his due. Keeping your end of the vow ensures a favorable relationship and will make the spirit more inclined to aid you next time.

Conclusion

Saint Cyprian as a figure represents that meeting point between religion and the forbidden arts, reminding us that the lines between religion and magic are not always clear cut. Though a saint, he can act as guide into the underworld and as a teacher of the magical. While his role as a saint of necromancers and sorcerers may be decried by the authorities of the church, he continues to live on as a powerful presence in the lives of his devotees; men and women who tread the line between the kingdom of heaven and the gates of hell.

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- Spell to Expose a Cheater, a Liar, or a Womanizer
- Saint Cyprian's Charm Bag for Protection
- Spell to Exorcise an Evil Spirit or Break a Curse
- Saint Cyprian's Cauldron of Dreams

Amparo with Saint Cyprian
- Offerings to Saint Cyprian

Conclusion